

case, to extend the period of response to two months, up to and including June 12, 2001. Submitted herewith is the fee of \$195.00 to cover the cost of the two months extension.

Remarks

Claims pending in this application are claims 1-33.

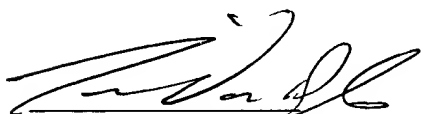
Election/ Restriction

The Examiner's March 12, 2001 Office Action, paper number 7, indicates that claims 1-33 are subject to election requirement of a single disclosed species. The applicant hereby provisionally elects a species characterized as being: (1) aqueously soluble, (2) garnish shaped, and (3) gelatin based.

Applicant respectfully requests action on the merits of all claims readable on the elected species and consideration of all other claims drawn to non-elected species should allowance of a generic claim be granted.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any aspect of this Provisional Election, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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